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Some of you were a little puzzled by Mrs. Jackson's THANK YOU in the last paper. She and her husband had a wonderful opportunity to go to Rowe, Massachusetts, to start a guest house with friends—something she had wanted to do for years. She is very happy in her new work and we all wish her well. The opportunity came to her quite unexpectedly and the new editors had the paper on their hands just as unexpectedly. We shall need all sorts of help from you in keeping THE PULSE going.

SUGGESTIONS

This month two excellent suggestions were placed in the Suggestion Box. The $10 monthly cash prize will be split because it was impossible to choose between the two. To Bonnibel Beard goes $5 for her suggestion to have a buzzer system installed at Broadbeck Cottage for delivery men. It is often hard for them to find the Receiving Clerk. With this new system, the shipments will be taken in more quickly. A similar buzzer system will be installed for the Food Stock Room. The other $5 prize will go to Gladys Harrison who suggested that a signpost be erected at the corner of the parking lot where Pilgrim and Deaconess Roads cross to give directions to the Baker, Deaconess, and Palmer buildings. This suggestion will save a great deal of confusion and untangle some traffic jams. How about filling up that Suggestion Box with more fine ideas?

LABOR RELATIONS COMMITTEE

The minutes of the July meeting will not be published until the next issue, at which time they will have had final approval by your delegates.

HAVE YOU HEARD?

The records of the hospital are full of stories like that of the little boy who was sent by one of the Methodist churches in New England to see whether something could be done with a complicated club foot. He was in the Operating Room nineteen times and stayed in the hospital twenty-three months. When he went home the social worker went along too. He had come from one of the poorer sections of the city. Of course, everybody was out to greet him. There were sobs of joy when he, who had never walked, stepped out of the car and ran into his mother's arms.

The surgeon's gentle but firm fingers pumped the heart that lay in his hand. A moment before there had been no life in it. The interns and nurses watched in breathless amazement. Slowly the surgeon

withdrew his hand and he signaled to proceed with the difficult chest operation. Coaxed back to life, the heart beat feebly, and the boy who lay helpless on the operating table lived.

Chest surgery is a field in which surgeons at Deaconess have been performing miracles for many years. In five years more than 1,000 tuberculosis patients, bedridden in sanitoriums, have been restored to normal living by chest surgery. The first successful removal of a right lung was done at the Deaconess Hospital in 1933 in a case that involved cancer of the lung. The patient, a mother of two children who were small then, is living and well today.

ADMINISTRATION

Miss Terkelsen spent the week of August fourth at Green Acres in Canton, Maine, where she has spent several summers. Kay Galvin and Kay Waters, Hostess, spent a week together at Atlantic City and stayed at the Sterling Hotel. Kay Waters spent a second week at Nantucket. Sam Marotta, our whistling, good-natured barber, spent the week of August fourth moving his family. Peggy Kerrigan, Cashier, was called home on July twenty-fifth by the death of her mother at North Chelmsford. We all express our sympathy to Peggy and her family.

We are glad to have Clara Morse back with us this summer at the Baker Desk. During the year she teaches Biology at Concord Academy. Also back for a second summer is Miss Mildred Pratt who likes to spend her vacation working here. After an absence of six months, Mrs. Jane R. Boyce is back and doing vacation substitute work.

ADMITTING OFFICE

Jo Magliocca left on vacation the thirteenth to take a trip through North Carolina and Virginia. She came here from the Dixie Hospital in Hampton, Virginia. Sigrid Hellmer is also away—she is visiting in New Hampshire and Staten Island. Barbara Doyle, who was graduated from Emmanuel College in June has been substituting in the Admitting Office for the summer. She leaves on August twenty-third to enter Radcliffe College where she has a scholarship to take the Management Training Program. She will be greatly missed and has our best wishes.

BLOOD BANK

Winnifred Darling visited for several weeks at her home in Contoocook, New Hampshire. Mrs. Pearl Burford spent two weeks at Green Harbor.

CHEMISTRY LABORATORY

A party was held on August eighth for Mrs. Miriam McKown and Minnie Barr. Both will be leaving the hospital soon. Minnie is to be married in September to Frank P. Smith and she will enter Simmons College to work for her degree. She will continue to do the evening work for the Laboratory, however, for which we are all glad. Honorine A. Kendrick joined the staff of the Laboratory on July thirtieth. She is from Norwood and was just graduated from Mount St. Vincent College in New York City. Maria Jacobs and Gloria Kaplinger came in June

from Colby Junior College to take a year's training to qualify them for their registry examinations. Maria is from Wellesley Hills and Gloria comes from Longmeadow.

DIETARY DEPARTMENT

Miss Bernice Quimby has returned from her vacation. She visited friends and relatives in Kingston, New York. While there she visited the Roosevelt Estate at Hyde Park. She also took a motor trip to Lake George, Lake Champlain, and the Adirondacks. Miss Sally Hudson has been helping Miss Winger during Miss Quimby's absence. Gerard O'Brien and Richard Doyle have resigned to join the Navy. Good luck to them both! Miss Catherine Grady of Deaconess has returned from her vacation in Laconia, New Hampshire. Mrs. Isabella Karplus, Cafeteria Manager, was recently written up as Newton's "Woman of the Week" in the NEWTON AND WALTHAM TRIBUNE. Mrs. Rhoda Aucock returned from a vacation at Ocean Point, Boothbay Harbor, Maine, on August first. Warren Davis, assistant to the Pastry Cook, has been a patient in Palmer. We hope he will have no more trouble. Fred Cheney, our Baker, has opened up a pastry shop in his home. If you want some delicious pastry any time—call Aspinwall 7035. Who had the high school girls a-flutter early this month? None other than Perry Como at the R. K. O. Boston. Two of the girls sat through four features—they went in for the first show in the morning.

HOUSEKEEPING DEPARTMENT

James Christian spent his vacation in New Hampshire, Katherine Ganey took a trip to the Saguenay River and visited Ste. Anne de Beaupre. Kathleen Holloran and Helen Murray went to Nantasket again this year. New Hampshire seems to be a favorite spot—for Mary Gallagher went there too. Walter Warren met a friend at St. John, New Brunswick, and they went up the St. John River. Ralph Jones also went to Canada. Those who vacationed in Massachusetts were Simon Loughman who went to Cape Cod, Cecelia McCann to Groton, and Mrs. Waters to Hough's Neck. Jessie McDonald had the longest trip—she went to California and back. We are glad that Peter Lawless is back at work—he was ill with a throat infection. Eva Xiachos is still out—we hope she will be well enough to come back soon.

LAUNDRY

Joe Flynn and Francis Noonan are here from Somerville High for their fourth summer. Both are athletes and great fellows—you should see them iron and fold linens. They will be a big help to their wives some day, we hope. The Laundry feels that their two new babies are tops—both are boys. Both Sally Nickerson and Connie Gould were in the other day to show off their prizes. Sally's boy is named for his father, Walter Nickerson, Jr. Connie and Charlie's boy is named Bradley Gould. Both Sally and Connie met their husbands here in the Laundry. There must be romance in the soapsuds! Mrs. Tompkins went to Nova Scotia to bring her mother back to Boston. She was missed in the Sewing Room—those who work with her appreciate

her fine work and disposition. For the first time in years, Rita Dennehy spent her vacation at home. She came back to work well rested.

MAINTENANCE

We are glad to welcome back Bernard Cahoon who has been ill for two months. Timothy Casey went again to York Beach with his family —this year he left the great-grandchildren at home. Warren Smith went to Laconia, New Hampshire, for two weeks with his family. Herbert Robinson took a real "carpenter's holiday." He is building a house in Billerica—and as soon as it is completed his son Cliff will be married. Mr. Sabine is also at Laconia—at Lake Shore Park with his family. They have a motor boat and probably are exploring Lake Winnepesaukee.

NURSING

Miss Betty Hubbard of Strong Memorial Hospital, Rochester, New York, has recently been appointed to the Clinical Teaching Department. Miss Mary T. Dury has been appointed Clinical Instructor to replace Miss Ethel Easter who is to have a year's leave of absence for study. Best Wishes go to Mrs. Olive Davis and to Mr. Stephen M. Palacz who were married on July nineteenth in East Providence. A recent visitor to Deaconess was Mrs. Jane Bronfenbrenner, a former Palmer Operating Room Supervisor. She is visiting in Boston with her daughter from Dearborn, Michigan, where her husband Dr. Jack Bronfenbrenner, a former House Officer at Deaconess, is now interning at the Henry Ford Hospital.

On July seventeenth, nineteen members of the class of 1950 received their caps at a formal ceremony in Harris Hall. Dr. Cook and Miss Shrader addressed the class and officially welcomed them into the School of Nursing. Following the ceremony, a reception was held for the students, their parents, friends, and faculty members.

PHARMACY

The Pharmacy Laboratory recently had a distinguished visitor from the Chinese Army—Major Nai-Chao-Hu. He is one of a contingent of Chinese now in this country to take part in an educational program designed for observation of both theoretical and practical educational methods in the academic and scientific fields. He has been at the Harvard School of Public Health and the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy. Of all the hospitals in Boston, he chose ours in which to observe the practical side of Pharmacy. Although he was here for the purpose of observing, he pitched right in and helped with every phase of the work.

Our Oxygen - Therapeudynamic, Pat Arrigo, has enrolled at the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and will start classes in the Fall. Good luck, Pat, you'll need it. John Quinn, Laboratory Assistant, may now be addressed as "Sparks." He is attending evening classes at the Massachusetts Radio School.

RECORD ROOMS

Eleanor Wiggin (Scottie) resigned last month to take a position with Dr. David Berlin on Bay State Road. Good luck, Scottie! There are two

additions to the staff of the Deaconess Record Room—Catherine Leary and Norma Whited. Catherine was graduated from the Wyndham Secretarial School this year and lives in Medford. Norma was graduated from the Fisher Schools this year and comes from Houlton, Maine. Mrs. Barbara Wellman took her young son, John, to York Beach, Maine, to visit friends for two weeks. She was away those two terribly hot weeks—what a break! Dorene Thompson was also at York Beach. Marjorie Davis took a short motor trip to Ohio. She went with her family and visited friends in Columbus. On the way back they stopped at Niagara Falls.

The Palmer Record Room has been doing a good deal of traveling too. Helen Chrusz spent about ten days in Florida—just to be different from the rest of the people who are taking New England vacations. She went down to Palm Beach where she visited friends. Evelyn Wilson visited her sister in Greenville, Maine, for two weeks. Miss Anne Studley spent two weeks at Appel-Rowe, Standish, Maine.

SOCIAL SERVICE

Mrs. Jameson started her vacation in August by attending the Pinewoods Institute, a social worker's conference, held annually in Plymouth, Massachusetts. Miss Betty Downey spent her vacation in Ogdensburg, New York, which is her home. Miss Mary Kelly spent two weeks at Falmouth with a friend.

SOLUTION ROOM

On July thirtieth, Miss Marjorie Dizer became engaged to Mr. James G. Davis of Weymouth. No definite date has been set for the wedding, but they hope to be married next winter. Miss Elizabeth James was in Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont visiting friends and relatives. Miss Ruth Carlson took a trip through the Southern states with her family. Miss Dorothy Blanchard and Miss Haskell from the Admitting Office spent their vacations together at Cape Roser, Maine. Miss Christine Smith is visiting her home in Canada. Miss Marjorie Clinch was recently a surgical patient in Palmer. She will be back on September twenty-fourth. Our best wishes for her speedy recovery.

X-RAY

Mrs. Marguerite Moulton and her husband are back from a month's vacation. She spent three weeks at her home in Newport, Vermont and traveled through Canada for a week —stopping at Niagara Falls.

STAFF NOTES

Dr. and Mrs. George G. Smith left about the first of August by plane to spend five weeks in Switzerland. Their trip takes them by way of Gander, Newfoundland, and Shannon, Ireland, to Geneva. Dr. Carroll C. Miller went to his summer home on Lake Winnepesaukee for his vacation. Dr. and Mrs. Edwin Ruzicka announced the birth of a son, Thomas Douglas on July twenty-second at Richardson House. In a recent MARCH OF TIME entitled "Doctors in 1947" Dr. Lahey and the Lahey Clinic were featured.

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